

CRAIG STUMPED BY NEW RECORD BUDGET

Increased Rentals Will Allow \$700,000,000 More for Realty Valuation.

MANY CLASHES IN BOARD

Comptroller and Wallstein Exchange Pleasantries About "Ball."

Comptroller Charles L. Craig indicated yesterday before the Board of Estimate that the budget of the city of New York for 1921 probably will exceed \$266,000,000, as against the record budget of \$273,689,000 for the current year.

Just how the entire increase is to be met the Comptroller did not say. The Comptroller, however, did predict that approximately \$175,000,000 of it probably will be realized from a higher valuation of real estate based upon increased rentals. The increase in real estate valuation for taxation, Mr. Craig said, would be about \$175,000,000.

Fifteen million dollars of the increase in the 1921 budget will be represented by increases in the salaries of public school teachers and the city's teachers will get \$12,500,000 of that amount. Twelve million dollars for street improvements is another large item.

The Board of Estimate decided to include in the 1921 budget the \$12,500,000 due for the improvement of Seventh avenue. The appropriation among the boroughs is: Manhattan, \$7 per cent.; The Bronx, 3 per cent.; Brooklyn, 21 per cent.; Queens, 7 per cent.; Richmond is excluded from the appropriation. The remaining 7 per cent., \$8,750,000, representing one-third of the value of the buildings taken in the proceedings, is to be assessed against the city as a whole.

Wallstein Produces Discord.

Into this symphony of staggering figures Edward Wallstein blew a discordant note when he appeared as counsel for the Citizens' Union and asked that the Corporation Counsel be asked to give an opinion on the passing of the \$274,400 in the tax rate of this year. His request was granted, and everything appeared to be lovely when Mayor Hylan, his memory banking back to the day when Mr. Wallstein was Commissioner of Accounts under Mayor Mitchell, started to say something about "the last administration of which you were a member."

Mr. Wallstein immediately informed the Mayor and the board that he was appearing before the board upon a specific matter having to do with the present administration, and that he did not feel disposed to discuss irrelevant affairs.

"I have come here at the invitation of the Comptroller," said Mr. Wallstein. "I'm going to send you an invitation that you'll need cash ball to answer."

"Well, you'll need cash to pay a fine pretty soon," rejoined Mr. Wallstein as he took his seat.

Connolly Gets After Craig.

"This committee report," therefore, said the Comptroller, "is simply a repetition of my report and I'm not going to pay any attention to it."

"You don't pay attention to many things," retorted President Connolly. "You may run things as you want in your own department, but I'm going to run the Committee on Salaries and Grades."

"Your committee has nothing to do with it," replied the Comptroller. "It is in the power of the Comptroller to make the modification and approval already has been granted."

"If the matter has been approved as you say," President Connolly came back, "you would have paid the men and not have held up their salaries."

At that juncture President Edward Riegelmann of Brooklyn remarked: "There seems to be a light on." At his suggestion the reported was referred to the Committee of the Whole to be fought out there. That reference, the Comptroller said, killed the report and that Connolly was left to observe, "It doesn't take much to satisfy children."

Gov. FERRICULT IS KILLED.

Ex-Consul in New York Assassinated for Aiding Americans.

PANAMA, Feb. 12 (delayed).—Gov. Ferricul of the province of Chiriqui, which lies along the Costa Rica frontier, was assassinated at seven o'clock to-night.

It is said that Gov. Ferricul had befriended W. G. Chase, an American, in a litigation over land, and that this led to his assassination. Ferricul was formerly Consul General in New York City for a number of years.

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WAR VETERANS TO HELP FIGHT SNOW

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Expect 5,000 Will Respond.

Immediately following the conference the legion officers, in the name of Wade H. Hayes, State Adjutant, went out another proclamation to their members stating that riding the city of the ice menacing it is "as patriotic work as has yet devolved upon the American Legion and must, therefore, be given immediate and enthusiastic support and cooperation."

Members are requested to consider the Mayor's proclamation as an official notification from the State headquarters. Telegrams were sent last night to the 219 posts in the greater city calling upon the post presidents to notify members by telephone of the call. The opinion was expressed that at least 5,000 men would report for duty at 2 o'clock to-day. The men will be paid the regular rate, 50 cents an hour, if they wish.

The produce men impressed Commissioner Copeland with their appeal for help. The Mayor's serious situation was confronting the city. At the discussion in City Hall Joseph Seaman of Seaman Brothers, 121 Hudson street, declared that the congestion made impossible that trucks stand for hours in the district unable to move forward a foot. He offered 200 men to help clear up Hudson street to-day if the Mayor would furnish pick and shovel and traffic. Other business men of the district followed with offers of men.

E. L. Goodsell of the Fruit Auction Company, told the Mayor that truckmen were treated so badly at Street Department dumps when they carried loads of snow that some of them have refused to help further, declaring they did not want anything to do with Commissioner Arnold B. MacKay. He added that the union opposed hauling snow as the result of the treatment.

Will Not Be Held Up, Says Mayor.

"I'm a labor man myself," said the Mayor, "but I know that some of the labor men have exacted their last ounce of flesh."

"It seems to me that money shouldn't stand in the way," remarked one man when the matter of snow removal was again being discussed.

"Money isn't standing in the way, but we are going to be held up by action," the Mayor retorted. In reply to criticisms of the removal of snow from the sides of streets while the road itself was still ice coated and full of holes he said he had noticed the men preferred to pick at soft snow rather than at the ice.

"A good many of these men are green," he said. "I've even had to show some of them how to use picks. I had to show them myself. But we'll have those streets clear if I have to go down and boss the job myself."

The Mayor agreed to put a force on the food district streets to-day and to-morrow, and also promised to send a large supply of picks and shovels to the food district street station, as that district might be used. While the Mayor was talking over the situation H. H. Jones, New York Director of the Division of Foods and Markets of the State Farms and Market Department, was corroborating the statements made by the fruit and produce men. He said that half a million dollars worth of perishable foodstuffs will become worthless unless the streets are cleared.

Food Cars Held on Piers.

Mr. Jones explained that at the river ends of the streets in the district are railroad piers at which are tied up car floats bringing from Jersey terminals great quantities of foodstuffs in loaded freight cars. The custom is to unload these cars onto the piers, the seller guaranteeing delivery at city destination. These deliveries are not impossible, and as a result more than 100 cars stand unloaded on the floats, perisaps are filled and trucks are being coming congested on the New Jersey side.

A new snowfall, threatening at times, kept the Interborough and B. R. T. running trains at half the usual interval yesterday morning to prevent their lines from becoming covered with sleet, but with morning the temperature rose above freezing and the snow turned to slush. This made it uncomfortable for the snow fighters, but did not add much to the city's burden.

Commissioner MacKay asked the Board of Estimate yesterday for \$2,000,000 additional for street cleaning purposes and got it without any trouble. The Commissioner estimated it will cost the city at least \$5,000,000 to get rid of its blanket of snow and ice. At the same time Commissioner MacKay got his \$1,000,000, which will be used in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx, appropriations of \$150,000 for Queens and \$7,000 for Richmond were granted. The Department of Plants and Structures will get \$10,000 for pay for labor, horses and carts for the removal of snow and ice from bridges.

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G. O. P. GROUP WOULD FORCE SOLDIER AID

House Members Revolt Against Leaders in Response to American Legion.

HOPEFUL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Refusing to stand by the position of Republican Congressional leaders that all soldier aid proposals and universal military training must be delayed until the present large Government expenditures can be reduced, a group of House Republicans to-day determined to force immediate action on these measures in response to demands of the American Legion.

The whole troublesome economic and political question as to whether the Government can now afford to give a large bonus or other aid for the service men's needs to involve both parties in bitter disputes.

The action of the Senate and House standing committees yesterday in determining to delay the two measures for one or two years caused House advocates of immediate action along these lines to meet to-day. As a result a committee of four was appointed to confer with Republican leaders to demand that the Ways and Means Committee immediately consider and act on soldier aid bills. At the same time petitions are being circulated among the Republicans asking for a caucus if the steering committee refuses to grant the demand, and by to-night more than 40 members, the number necessary to call a caucus, had signed the petitions.

Representative Johnson (S. D.), himself a member of the American Legion, is leading the fight for action by Congress on the bonus question, and with Representative Monahan (Wis.), Smith (Mich.) and Morgan (Okla.), will be the committee to present the demand to House leaders. Mr. Johnson is confident that at least seventy-five out of the 240 House Republicans oppose the stand taken by the steering committee.

This group plainly intends to use the club on the House leaders to force action and is confident that by combining with similar advocates on the Democratic side the bonus can be forced through this Congress.

Republican Leader Mondell, promised last fall after the Mondell soldier bill was reported and strong opposition was expressed to it, that a party caucus would be called before any action on the measure was taken on the floor. Since then all soldier aid proposals have been slumbering. The main threat of the bonus faction will be the call for a caucus and this group believes a majority of the members will not go on record against their proposal.

The House faction to-day made it plain that it desires to end, what it believes, is continuous "sidestepping of the question" by the formation of a definite programme by the House Ways and Means Committee. Representative Forney (Mich.), chairman of the committee, is one of the leaders of the group. The others at the meeting to-day were Representatives Smith (Ill.), Young (N. D.), Smith (Mich.), Dowell (La.), Morgan (Okla.), Fairfield (La.), Sweet (La.), Ramseyer (La.), Randall (Wis.), Lampert (Wis.), Hickey (Ind.), Dummer (Ind.), Miller (Ind.), Claxson (Wis.), Klecksa (Wis.), Monahan (Wis.), Nichols (Mich.), Swope (Ky.), Siemp (Va.), Scott (Mich.), Johnson (S. D.).

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WOOD COMES HERE TO SEE MANAGERS

Soldier Believes Government Should Retain All Its Merchant Ships.

HOPEFUL

Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, who came to the city last night for a dinner address, will talk this morning with his political managers. He goes to Boston this afternoon and will return to Chicago from there. Gen. Wood smilingly waved away all attempts to get him to talk about his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President. Asked about the policy of the United States in the matter of keeping its merchant ships, he said he thought we ought to have all the ships we possibly could.

In spite of the reports that things are going badly for the Wood movement in certain parts of the West, one of the soldier's friends from there said last night he was sure that South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Michigan and Indiana would be found in the Wood camp at the Chicago convention.

The following Michiganders have been added to the Wood National Committee: Alton T. Roberts, John Gerten, Frederick L. Woodward, Robert N. Shields, Joseph Kingsbury, Jr., a manufacturer of Fort Worth, Tex., one of the lieutenants of H. M. MacGregor, member of the National Committee from that State, is in the city to confer with Chairman Will H. Hays.

"There is much sentiment in Texas

for Gen. Wood," said Mr. Kingsbury. "But Gov. Lowden and Senator Harding have some very active friends. As a result, the delegation will go to Chicago."

"Of course, it is silly to talk about Texas going Republican, but you in the North do not realize how the run to the oil fields has changed the political complexion there. I believe there are now 200,000 potential Republicans in the State out of a total voting strength of 850,000."

These men are now voting in the Democratic primaries, but would come to the Republican party if they thought it worth it.

Senator Dexter of Washington will speak for the Broome County Republican Committee on February 24. State Comptroller Travis, candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, will speak at the same time.

ELECTION TO TEST LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Missouri Campaign Made on Big Issue.

EXETER SPRINGS, Mo., Feb. 13.—The League of Nations will be the dominant issue in to-morrow's special election in the third Missouri District to elect a successor to Joshua Alexander, Secretary of Commerce, as Representative in Congress. The voters will choose between Capt. J. L. Milligan, Democratic nominee, and a League supporter, and John A. Frost, Republican, an opponent of the league.

The three weeks' campaign has attracted wide interest and drawn into the district nationally known supporters and opponents of the league, including Attorney-General A. Mitchell Palmer and United States Senator Hiram Johnson of California.

Both Democrats and Republicans have marshaled their speakers throughout the district for the winnow of the campaign to-morrow. Democratic speakers include former Speaker Champ Clarke, Representative James T. Heflin (Alabama), and Representative Henry P. Rainey (Illinois). On the Republican side addresses are to be delivered by Representative M. O. McLaughlin (Nebraska), O. J. Page of Springfield, Mo., and others.

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